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In re application of

Takanari SAGUCHI

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Group Art Unit: 1733

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

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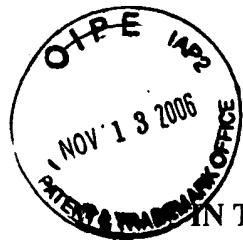
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), which the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith, accompanied by a copy of a Communication from the Chinese Patent Office issued in connection with a counterpart application (CN 038043882).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed subsequent to either a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but prior to remittance of the Issue/Publication Fees and,

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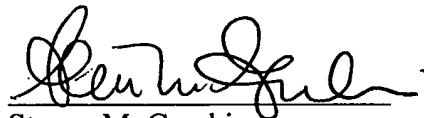
therefore, Applicant authorizes the USPTO to deduct the statutory fee of \$180.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) from our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is also appended hereto.

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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant notes that JP '712, which is cited by the Chinese Patent Office, is not included on the appended Form PTO/SB/08 inasmuch as such reference is of record in the instant application by virtue of an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 16, 2004.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is also attached.

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